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AVERAGE INCOME OF FAMILIES UP SLIGHTLY IN 1960

(Advance data from March 1961 sample survey)

The average (median) money income of families in the United States was \$5,600 in 1960, according to estimates released today by the Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce. This was about \$200, or 4 percent, higher than in 1959, despite the downturn in economic activity in the closing months of 1960. However, the gain in real purchasing power between 1959 and 1960 was only about 2 percent, since prices also rose during this period. 1

About 10 million families, or 22 percent of the 45½ million families in the Nation, received money incomes under \$3,000 in 1960. This number did not differ appreciably from the number of families in that income range a year earlier. Another 9 million, or 20 percent, received incomes between \$3,000 and \$5,000 last year; and almost 11 million, or 24 percent, had incomes between \$5,000 and \$7,000. The remaining 15½ million families, or 34 percent, reported incomes of \$7,000 or more.

Table A. --NUMBER OF FAMILIES BY FAMILY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1960

Family income	Number of families
Total	45,435,000
Under \$1,000. \$1,000 to \$1,999. \$2,000 to \$2,999. \$3,000 to \$3,999. \$4,000 to \$4,999. \$5,000 to \$4,999. \$6,000 to \$6,999.	2,285,000 3,613,000 3,970,000 4,456,000 4,773,000 5,839,000 4,889,000
\$7,000 to \$7,999. \$8,000 to \$9,999. \$10,000 to \$14,999. \$15,000 and over.	3,973,000 5,135,000 4,795,000 1,707,000

For men, last year's median income was about \$4,100, not significantly greater than in 1959. Approximately 58 percent of the male income recipients reported that they worked 50 weeks or more at full-time jobs during 1960. This was about the same proportion as in 1959 and 1958, but well below the 61 percent reported in 1957. The median income

of year-round full-time male workers in 1960 was \$5,400, \$200 above 1959, and \$500 and \$700 higher than in 1958 and 1957, respectively.

Women's incomes, which averaged \$1,300 in 1960, remained about the same as in the preceding three years. This relatively low median income results in part from the sizable proportion of females who worked only part time or intermittently during the year, or whose income was limited to small amounts from sources other than earnings. For women who worked full time throughout the year-28 percent of all female income recipients in 1960--the average was \$3,300 last year, not appreciably above 1959, but up about \$300 from 1957.

The 1960 income statistics presented in this report were obtained from the Bureau's Current Population Survey of March 1961. More detailed income data from the survey for families and persons will appear in a report to be issued later this year. Income statistics collected by the Bureau of the Census in the Decennial Census covering the year 1959, which will be shown for individual States and smaller geographic areas, will be available within the next few months.

The information on income in 1960 was collected from the civilian noninstitutional population and members of the Armed Forces living off post or with their families on post in the United States. Income data cover money income only, prior to deductions for taxes. The fact that many farm workers do not pay rent for their living quarters and that many receive an important part of their income in the form of goods produced and consumed on the farm rather than in money should be taken into consideration in comparing the income of farm and nonfarm residents.

Total income is defined as the sum of money wage or salary income, net income from self-employment, and income other than earnings, such as net rents, interest, dividends, Social Security benefits, pensions, and public assistance or other governmental payments. Family income represents the combined total received from these sources by all family members during the calendar year. Earnings are defined as the sum of money wage or salary income and net income from

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Consumer Frice Index of the Department of Labor averaged 124.6 in 1959 and 126.5 in 1960.

self-employment. A year-round full-time worker is one who worked primarily at full-time jobs for 50 weeks or more during 1960.

The median income is the amount which divides an income distribution into two equal groups, one group having incomes above the median and the other having incomes below the median. In comparing income data for 1960 with those for previous years, account should be taken of the fact that changes in income were accompanied by changes in prices. Therefore, an increase or decrease in income between selected years does not necessarily represent a similar change in economic well-being.

Other data relating to the income received by the population are available from the personal income series of the Department of Commerce, the Department of Agriculture's farm income series, Federal individual income tax tabula-

tions, and Old-Age and Survivors Insurance earnings records. These sets of statistics are collected for different purposes and differ with respect to coverage and definitions. For a discussion of the comparability of these statistics with survey data collected by the Bureau of the Census, and for more detailed definitions of the terms and concepts used in this report, see <u>Current Population Reports</u>, Series P-60, No. 35, "Income of Families and Persons in the United States: 1959."

Since the estimates in this report are based on a sample, they are subject to sampling variability. Particular care should be exercised in interpreting mediate and out cents based on relatively small numbers of cases, as well as small differences between figures. Moreover, as in all field surveys of income, the figures are subject to errors of response and nonreporting.

Table 1.--FAMILIES BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1947, 1950, AND 1953 TO 1960 (Prior to 1959, excludes Alaska and Havaii)

Total money income	1960	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1950	1947			
Numberthousands	45,435	45,062	44,202	43,714	43,445	42,843	41,934	41,202	39,929	37,237			
Percent	100.0	100,0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100,0	100,0	100.0	100.0			
Under \$500, \$500 to \$999, \$1,000 to \$1,499, \$1,500 to \$1,999, \$2,000 to \$2,499, \$2,500 to \$2,999, \$3,000 to \$3,499,	2,5 2,5 3,8 4,2 4,5 4,2 4,9	2.4 2.7 4.0 4.3 4.6 4.7 5.3	2,6 3,0 3,9 4,8 5,1 4,7 5,3	3.0 3.4 4.0 4.5 5.2 4.4 5.7	3.2 3.3 4.4 4.5 5.1 5.1 6.2	3.4 4.3 4.9 5.5 5.5 7.4	4.6 4.2 5.6 5.5 6.4 7.5	4.7 3.9 4.9 5.0 5.7 6.0 7.6	5.8 5.7 6.2 7.0 8.9 8.9	4,4 6,4 7.8 8.8 11.3 10.7 11,3			
\$3,500 to \$3,999. \$4,000 to \$4,999. \$5,000 to \$4,999. \$5,000 to \$5,999. \$7,000 to \$7,999. \$10,000 to \$7,999. \$10,000 to \$1,999. \$10,000 to \$1,999.	4.9 5.2 5.3 12.9 10.8 8.7 11.3 10.6 2.8 0.9	4.8 5.9 5.8 13.2 11.0 8.4 10.6 9.1 2.4 0.7	5.9 6.9 6.5 13.7 10.7 16.8 7.6 1.9 0.5	6.1 7.3 6.8 14.5 10.3 16.3 6.5 1.4 0.5	6.3 8.0 6.9 13.7 9.8 15.6 5.9 1.5	7.2 8.2 7.3 12.7 9.5 12.9 4.8 0.9	7.9 8.4 7.2 11.9 8.5 11.1 4.4 1.0	8.2 8.6 7.3 13.2 8.1 11.6 4.1 1.0 0.3	9.0 7.9 5.7 9.0 5.2 5.8	8.4 6.9 4.7 7.7 8.9			
Median income	\$5,620	\$5,417	\$5,087	\$4.971	\$4.783	\$4,421	\$4 173	<b>8</b> 4. 233	<b>4</b> 3 310	\$3.031			

Table 2.--COLOR AND FARM-NONFARM RESIDENCE: FAMILIES AND UNRELATED INDIVIDUALS BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME IN 1960, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Median not shown where base is less than 200,000; percent not shown where less than 0.1)

1			Families				Unrel	ated individ	tuels		
Total money income	Ţ.	inited States		Urban and	Rural	υ	nited States	1	Urban and	Rural	
	Total	White	Nomwhite	nonfarm	farm	Total	White	Normwhite	rural nonfarm	farm	
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100,0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	
Under \$500	2,5	2.1	5.7	2,0	9.3	14.6	13.7	19.7	13.9	32.0	
\$500 to \$999	2.5	2.0	7.7	2.0	8.4	19.0	17.5	28.8	18.8	24.2	
\$1,000 to \$1,499,	3.8	3.1	10.2	3.3	9.4	13.3	13.4	12.5	13.1	17.6	
\$1,500 to \$1,999	4.2	3.8	8.1	3.8	8.7	7.2	7.5	5.7	7.3	5,9	
\$2,000 to \$2,499	4.5	4.2	8.1	4,2	8.1	7.3	7,2	8.0	7.4	3.5	
\$2,500 to \$2,999	4.2	3.9	6.7	3.9	8.1	5.5	5.4	5.9	5.6	1.9	
\$3,000 to \$3,499	4.9	4.6	7,5	4.7	7,1	5,3	5.5	4.0	5.4	1.9	
\$3,500 to \$3,999	4.9	4.8	6,5	4.8	6.3	4.9	5,3	2.6	5.0	3,1	
\$4,000 to \$4,499	5.2	5.2	5.3	5.3	4.9	5.3	5.5	3.9	5.4	2.3	
\$4.500 to \$4.999	5.3	5,3	5.1	5,4.	4.1	4.0	4.1	3.2	4.1	1.9	
\$5.000 to \$5.999	12.9	13.3	8.7	13.3	7.3	6.0	6.5	3.3	6.1	4.3	
\$0,000 to \$0,999,,	10.8	11.2	6.7	11.3	4.9	3.3	3.5	1.5	3.4		
\$7,000 to \$7,999	8.7	9.2	4,5	9,1	4.7	1.7	1.9	0.3	1.7	0.8	
\$8,000 to \$9,999	11.3	12.1	4.2	12.0	3.7	1,5	1.7	0,4	1,5	0.4	
\$10,000 to \$14,999	10.6	11.2	4.3	11.1	4.0	0.9	1.0	0.4	0.9		
\$15,000 to \$24,999	2.8	3.1	0.6	3.0	8,0	0.1	0,1	0,1	0.1		
\$25,000 and over	0.9	1.0	••••	1.0	0.3	0,2	0.3		0.2		
Median income	\$5,620	\$5,835	\$3,233	\$5,811	\$2,875	\$1,720	\$1,860	\$1,064	\$1,787	\$875	
HEAD YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKER						-					
Percent of total	63.2	64.7	49.3	62.9	66.9	36,4	37.3	30.9	. 36.4	35.7	
Median income	\$6,599	\$6,742	\$4,593	\$6.832	\$3,337	\$3,781	\$3,896	\$2,613	\$3,845		

Table 3.--SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS: MEDIAN INCOME IN 1960 OF FAMILIES, FOR THE UNITED STATES
(Median not shown where base is less than 200,000)

	All families		ar-round me worker	:	All families	Read year	r-round me worker
Selected characteristics	Median income	Percent of all families	Median income	Selected characteristics	Median income	Percent of all families	Median income
All families	\$5,620	63,2	\$6,599	MAJOR INDUSTRY CROUP OF HEAD			
•				IN MARCH 1961			
TYPE OF FAMILY		!		•		1	
		!		Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries	\$2,889	72.0	\$3,184
Male head	\$5,857	67.3	\$6,688	Mining	6,395	73.0	6,855
Married, wife present	5,873	67.8	6,706	Construction	5,867	57.1	6,627
Wife in paid labor force	6,900	67.9	7,815	Manufacturing	6,768	81.5	7,120
Wife not in paid labor force	5.520	67.7	6,292	Trensport., commun., and other public util	6,743	84.1	7,002
Other marital status.	4,860	49.8	5,810	Wholesale trade	6,513	82.4	6,773
Female head	2 968	28.3	4,689	Retail trade	5,698 7,319	78.4 78.7	6,126
			-	Finance, insurance, and real estate Business and repair services	5,214	75.5	7,829 5,608
				Personal services.	3,843	61.2	5,203
MAJOR OCCUPATION GROUP OF HEAD				Entertainment and recreation services	6,333	61.4	•
IN MARCH 1961	ļ			Professional and related services	6.851	73.9	7.296
				Public administration	6,711	92.0	6.851
Professional, technical, and kindred wkrs	\$8,331	82.3	\$8,721		-,	1	-,
Self-employed	11,014	78.1	12,456	١ .			
Salaried	6,124	83.0	8,474	VORK EXPERIENCE OF HEAD		1	
Farmers and farm managers	2,803	75.9	3,050	IN 1960		1	
Managers, officials, and propr's, exc. farm	7,910	86.2	8,305	, 18 1900			
Self-employed	6,138	80,3	6,403				
Salaried	9,186	91.9	9,388	Vorked at full-time jobs	\$6,213		٠
Clerical and kindred workers	5,934	84.0	6,178	50 to 52 weeks	6,599	l	• • • •
Sales workers	6,977	80.4	7,438	27 to 49 weeks	5,233		
Craftsmen, foremen, and kindred workers	6,660	77.9	6,930	26 weeks or less	3,306		
Operatives and kindred workers	5,702	73.4	6,012	Worked at part-time jobs			
Private household workers	1,765 4,939	23.2	# 200	50 to 52 weeks,	2,950		
Service workers, exc. private household Farm laborers and foremen	2,495	72.0 56.5	5,469 2,917	27 to 49 weeks	3,208		• • •
Laborers, exc. farm and mine	4,393	59.3	4,959	Did not work	2,041 2,359	•••	• • • •
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Table 4.--PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER BY TOTAL MONEY INCOME, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES: 1947, 1950, AND 1957 TO 1960

(Prior to 1959, excludes Aleaka and Hawaii)

Total money income			Male	•					Fem	nle		
Total money income	1960	1959	1958	1957	1950	1947	1960	1959	1958	1957	1950	1947
Total persons	100,0	100.0	100.0	100,0	100.0	100,0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100,0	100,0
Percent with income	91.0 9.0	91.4 8.6	91.7 8.3	91.8 8.2	90.1. 9.9	88.9 11.1	55.8 44.2	53.7 46.3	52.9 47.1	52.6 47.4	43.2 56.8	39.2 60.8
INCOME RECIPIENTS				,								
Percent,	100.0	100.0	100,0	100,0	100,0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
\$1 to \$499 or loss \$500 to \$999. \$1,000 to \$1,499. \$1,500 to \$1,999. \$2,000 to \$2,499. \$2,500 to \$2,999. \$3,000 to \$3,499. \$3,000 to \$3,999. \$4,000 to \$4,499. \$4,500 to \$4,999. \$5,000 to \$6,999. ^0,000 to \$6,999. ^0,000 to \$7,999. \$8,000 to \$7,999. \$8,000 to \$7,999. \$10,000 and over.	8.9 7.3 6.5 4.8 5.7 4.6 5.3 6.5 12.7 8.9 5.8 5.5 6.1	8.7 7.5 6.3 5.6 4.8 5.5 7.1 62.7 8.5 5.3 4.7 5.4	9.5 7.4 6.7 6.0 5.2 6.5 6.5 7.9 6.6 12.1 7.6 8.1 4.4	9.2 8.1 6.5 6.4 5.2 6.8 8.4 6.9 12.5 7.0 7.1 3.7	11.3 9.4 8.0 8.4 11.4 10.5 8.4 6.2 3.4 4.6 2.0 2.0 2.0	10.2 11.1 10.5 11.3 14.9 11.3 10.9 5.9 4.3 2.1 3.0 1.6 \$2,230	25.4 19.0 10.7 7.7 8.0 6.0 6.3 4.8 4.1 2.6 3.1 1.2 0.6 0.3 0.2	26.3 18.9 10.9 8.1 8.0 6.0 6.3 4.8 2.1 2.1 0.4 0.3 0.4	27.6 18.7 10.6 8.5 8.3 5.9 6.6 4.4 3.5 1.9 1.0 0.6 0.3	27.0 18.7 10.8 9.1 8.8 6.1 6.9 4.4 3.2 1.7 0.7 0.5 0.3	32.0 19.8 11.4 12.2 11.6 6.5 3.3 1.2 0.8 0.4 0.3 0.1 0.2 6.2	30.0 19.5 16.0 15.6 10.4 3.8 2.1 0.9 0.3 0.3
YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS	1											
Percent of all income recipients	58.3 \$5,435	58.5 \$5,242	57.4 \$4.948	60.8 \$4,720	(1) (1)	<u>{</u> ;}	28.3 \$3,296	27.4 \$3,205	28.4 \$3,101	29.6 \$3,006	(1) (1)	(2) (1)

<sup>1</sup> Not evailable.

(Percent not shown where less than 0.1)

				Ma	le							Fema	ile.			
Total money income				Ag	e (years	;)				Age (years)						
	Total	14 to 19	-20 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over	Total	14 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 34	35 to 44	45 to 54	55 to 64	65 and over
Total with income	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100,0	100.0	100.0	100,0	100.0	100.0	100,0
\$1 to \$499 or loss	8.9	60.7	8.6	2,1	2.5	4.1	6.1	5.7	25.4	64.5	21.5	22.9	20.4	18.8	20,6	
\$50G to \$999	l 7.3l	19.9	11,6	2,4	2,5	3.9	5,3	18.6	19.0		14.6			12.0		
\$1,000 to \$1,499	6.5	7.5	10.6	2.9	2.8	3.0	6.2	20.8	10.7		9.8	10.1		9.4	11.7	
\$1,500 to \$1,999	4.8	4.2	9.0	3.0	2.3	2.9	4.7	12.3	7.7 8.0		10.2	8.6 9.0		7.6 11.1	7.8 7.7	7.3
\$2,000 to \$2,499 \$2,500 to \$2,999	5.7 4.6	3,1 1.8	9,9	4.9 4.9	3,6 3,2	4.3 4.1	6.0 5.1	11.5 6.5	6,0			6.9		7.8	7,1	2,1
\$2,000 to \$2,999	5.8	1.4	9,5	7.2	5.0	5.6	6.7	4.2	6.3	1.5	9.3	7.7	9.3	8.5		1.7
\$3,500 to \$3,999	5.3	0.5	8.2	6.8	5.6	4.9	5.9	3.0	4.B	0.5	6.1	6.5	6.5	6.2	5.2	1.4
\$4,000 to \$4,499	6.5	0.4	6.3	9.5	7.3	7.6	6.8	2.5	4,1		5,2	5,9	6.2	5.7	4,0	
\$4,500 to \$4,999	5.5	0,2	4.7	7.8	6.2	6.7	6.2	2.5	2.6	0.1	2.5	3.4	3.8	3.5	3.4	0.6
\$5,000 to \$5,999	12,7	0.2	7.4	18.4	17,0	15.4	13,1	3.7	3.1	0.3	1,3	4.2		4.8	3.6	0,9
\$6,000 to \$6,999	8.9		3.8	12.8	13.1	11,0	8.6	2.6	1,2		0.2	1.5		2.4	2,2	0,4
\$7,000 to \$7,999	5.8	0.1	1,4,	7.7	8.9	8.0	5.6	1.1	0.6			0.6			0.6	
\$8,000 to \$9,999	5.5		0.9	5.2	9.5	8.1	6,0	1,9	0.3		: ':	0.1	0.6			
\$10,000 and over	6.1	.::::	0.2	4.3	10.5	10,2		2.9	0.2		0.2	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.3	0.3
Median income	\$4,061	\$412	\$2,514	\$4,904	\$5,529	\$5,180	<b>\$</b> 4,289	\$1,698	\$1,262	\$388	\$1,696	\$1,722	32,034	\$2,102	\$1,615	\$821
YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS	İ															
Percent of all income recipients		7,4		72.7	77.8		64.8	17.2	28,3	8,5	33.8	32.3	40.4			
Median income	\$5,435	\$1,974	\$3,916	\$5,450	\$5,907	\$5,678	\$5,079	\$4,115	\$3,296	\$2,450	\$3,155	\$3,549	404, نچ	296, دې	\$3,275	\$2,83

Table 6, SELECTED CHARACTERISTICS: MEDIAN INCOME IN 1960 OF PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES

		Male		Female .					Male		Female		
Selected	All income	Year-round full- time workers		All income	Year-round full- time workers		Selected	All Income	Year-round full- time workers		All income	Year-round full- time workers	
characteristics	recip- ients ————————————————————————————————————	Percent of all income recip- ients	Median income	recip- ients —— Median income	Percent of all income recip- ients	Median income	characteristics	median income	Percent of all income recip- ients	Median income	recip- ients —— Median income	Percent of all income recip- ients	Median income
Total	\$4,081	58,3	\$5,435	\$1,262	28,3	\$3,296	COLOR						
RECIONS							White Nonwhite	\$4,297 2,258	59.5 47.3		\$1,349 836	28.8 24.4	\$3,377 2,289
Northeast North Central South.	\$4,474 4,331 2,905		\$5,538 5,525 4,501	\$1,632 1,227 961	32.7 27.3 26.1	\$3,369 3,325 2,772	FAMILY HEAD						
Vest	4,930	56.4	6,259	1,442	27.1	4,044		\$4,154 4,875 4,920 3,272	59,4 67,6 68,1 51,3		\$1,192 1,850	27.5 30.1	\$3,275 3,468 
Urban and rurel nonform. Rural farm	\$4,317 1,633	58.1 60.1	\$5,631 2,423	\$1,343 478	29,0 18.4	\$3,338 2,178	Wife of head	1,055	27.7 42.9	3,687 4,642	1,260 783 1,539	27.8 25.6 32.4	3,244 3,250 3,428

Table 7.--OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY OF LONGEST JOB IN 1960: MEDIAN MONEY EARNINGS IN 1960 OF ALL PERSONS 14 YEARS OLD AND OVER WITH EARNINGS AND OF YEAR-ROUND FULL-TIME WORKERS, BY SEX, FOR THE UNITED STATES

(Median not shown where base is less than 200,000)

Occupation group	All wo	orkers		nd full- orkers	Industry group	All wo	rkers	Year-round ful time workers	
	Mole	Female	Male	Female		Male	Female	Male	Female
Professional, technical, and kind. wkrs Salf-employed Salaried Teachers, elem. and sec. schools Cther salaried workers Fermers and farm managers. Hanagers, off'ils, & propr's, exc. farm Self-employed In retail trade Other self-employed Salaried Clerical and kindred workers	\$6,566 9,188 6,444 5,589 6,617 1,572 6,158 4,774 4,440 5,140 7,154 4,806	3,513 3,764 3,290 2,858 1,438 1,565	\$7,115 10,858 6,954 6,063 7,143 2,004 6,648 5,258 4,757 5,950 7,472 5,291	\$4,358  4,365 4,581 4,285 3,514 1,800  4,220 3,575	Agriculture, forestry, and fisheries Mining Construction. Manufacturing Durable goods Nondurable goods Transportation, communication, and other public utilities Transportation injustries Other industries Wholusale trade. Retail trade.	\$1,053 5,338 4,085 5,291 5,356 5,164 5,367 5,145 5,757 4,369	\$306  2,579 3,190 2,287 3,341 3,508 3,280 2,470 1,155	6,214 5,570 5,897 5,945 5,815 5,815 5,875 6,114 5,437	\$3,439 3,890 3,100 3,993 3,845 3,573
Sales workers. Craftsmen, forcmen, and kindred workers. Operatives and kindred workers. Private household workers. Service workers, exc. private household. Farm laborers and forcmen. Laborers, exc. farm and mine.	4,517 5,312 4,201 2,928 476 2,342	996 2,781 2,117 414 1,025 279	5,842 5,826 4,997 4,088 1,686 4,017	2,389 2,969 1,156 2,340	Finance, indurance, and real sotate Business and repair services Personal services Entertainment and recreation services	5,205 3,659 3,236 2,068 5,248 5,287	2,803 1,766 908 928 2,438 3,169	5,917 4,474 -,364	3,339 2,58°